

1984 Oregon Community Development Program

Intergovernmental Relations Division
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APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

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☐ Joint Application With _____

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| 3. Oregon Community Development Dollars Requested: | \$ 10,000 |
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| 4. Population of City | <u>1,740</u> |
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5. Community Profile: Describe your community in terms of income levels, population trends, economic base, condition of public facilities and housing conditions. Include any other pertinent community or neighborhood information.

Income Levels: Elgin has 468 families of which 110 (23.5%) are defined as low income; moderate income families number 193 or 41.2% of all families.

Population Growth: Although the community population decreased during the 1970's, a steady annual population increase of .7 - .9% has occurred in the 1980's. Present estimates indicate continued positive growth of 2.3%. This far exceeds State and County growth indicators.

Economic Base: The Elgin area economy is based primarily on agriculture, forest products, government, and recreation. The agricultural economy is based on livestock, grain and feed production. Elgin has a plywood mill and many persons are employed by this factory. Many loggers make their homes in Elgin. Numerous State Highway maintenance personnel are based in Elgin. Recreation and tourism contribute to the economy with visitors attracted to the Blue Mountains, fishing and hunting areas.

Public Facilities: The community wastewater facilities are targeted for assessment by the City. The collection system is plagued by severe infiltration and inflow problems which result in raw sewage discharged into the streets and the Grande Ronde river.

The municipal water system was rebuilt in the mid 1970's and presently is in good condition.

Housing: Fifty eight percent of Elgin's housing was built prior to 1950.

6. What is the purpose for requesting this grant? What would be your goal or "end product" if you were to receive this grant?

This grant will be used to develop a plan for handling stormwater throughout the City. The City currently has few storm sewers and experiences localized flooding in many areas of the City as a result. The City has no plan as to what size, location, or cost would be required to provide proper stormwater removal in the community. The grant will be used to develop this plan so that future construction can occur.

7. What type of Community Development project do you anticipate applying for in the future? (e.g., sewer improvements, housing rehabilitation, community development needs assessment) What is your estimate of the project cost?

The City plans to submit in the future a Community Development Grant to assist the City in constructing a basic storm sewer system. The project will probably cost in excess of \$800,000.

8. What previous efforts at community development planning has your city completed? Do you have a Capital Improvement Plan? If so, please describe.

The City has an active community development program. Over the last several years, the City has completely upgraded its municipal water system, has installed a sanitary sewer system, constructed a community center, and participated in housing rehabilitation programs. The City has a Capital Improvement Plan which identifies storm sewers and streets as the next major community effort.

9. What is your proposed work plan for this Technical Assistance Grant? What activities would you perform? How much would they cost? How long would it take?

a. Compile and prepare a topographical map of the City which defines existing streets, existing drainage ways, and contour lines.	\$ 2,500
b. Utilizing standard hydrological procedure, develop flood flows for the community.	3,000
c. A storm drainage plan, including pipeline location, size, catch basin locations and priorities will be developed.	3,000
d. A cost estimate for needed improvements will be developed.	500
e. An implementation and financing plan will be recommended, including Block Grants, Local Bonds, or Local Improvement Districts.	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 10,000

10. What evidence of local public and/or private support (monetary or otherwise) have you received for your community development efforts? Have any outside agencies documented your need?

The City voters have approved bond measures for both water and sewer improvements. Additional funding has been received from HUD, FmHA Grants, as well as contributions from Boise Cascade Corporation (principal industry), and private developers. Improper stormwater sewers have resulted in problems with sanitary sewers being overloaded with storm water. The DEQ has documented this problem.

11. What is the size of your current staff?

The City has two administrative and two public works personnel.

12. If you are awarded this grant, will you hire additional staff or a consultant? consultant How many? one

13. What other information can you provide that demonstrates your need for this Technical Assistance Grant?

Utilizing existing street funds, the City has attempted to install some storm sewers in the past. The City has found that it is very difficult to determine what size or where storm sewers should be installed on a piecemeal basis. Some past efforts have been ineffective because improper sizes were used. A master storm sewer plan is very important in order to ensure work performed will meet City needs.

14. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge: (1) all information contained in this application is valid and accurate; (2) the submission of this application has been authorized by the governing body of the city/county; and (3) if funding is received, we will comply with all applicable federal requirements.

Signature: Russell L. Hug

Name: Russell L. Hug

Title: Mayor

Date: March 29, 1984